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BILL PROPOSED TO BAR COVERT ACTION BY CIA IN NICARAGUA

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WASHINGTON (AP) - THE CHAIRMAN OF A HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE SAID SUNDAY HE WILL INTRODUCE A BILL TO PROHIBIT THE CIA AND OTHER U.S. AGENCIES FROM ASSISTING ANY COVERT PARAMILITARY ACTION IN OR AGAINST NICARAGUA.

AT THE SAME TIME, REP. ROBERT K. DORNAN, A REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE SAME PANEL, SAID U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS HAVE EVIDENCE THAT CUBA HAS RECEIVED A THIRD SQUADRON OF SOVIET-BUILT FIGHTER JETS CAPABLE OF DROPPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON THE UNITED STATES.

REP. MICHAEL BARNES, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, SAID HE WILL ASK CONGRESS ON MONDAY TO AMEND THE 1961 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. THE AMENDMENT WOULD FORBID THE CIA AND OTHER U.S. AGENCIES FROM SPENDING ANY MONEY OR DOING ANYTHING "WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF SUPPORTING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, MILITARY OR PARAMILITARY OPERATIONS IN OR AGAINST NICARAGUA BY ANY NATION, GROUP, ORGANIZATION, MOVEMENT OR INDIVIDUAL."

BARNES, D-MD., ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS AMID PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT THE CIA HAS MOUNTED A \$19 MILLION PROGRAM APPROVED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN TO RECRUIT AND SUPERVISE 500 COMMANDOS IN LATIN AMERICA FOR USE IN NICARAGUA.

REAGAN AND SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER M. HAIG JR. HAVE REPEATEDLY REFUSED TO SAY WHETHER THE UNITED STATES IS PLANNING ANY COVERT ACTIONS IN NICARAGUA.

BUT THEY HAVE ACCUSED THE COUNTRY'S SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT OF DIRECTING LEFTIST GUERRILLAS IN NEARBY EL SALVADOR AND SERVING AS A CONDUIT FOR THE SHIPMENT OF SOVIET AND CUBAN ARMS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL AMERICA.

THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT THE CIA-LED FORCE, TO BE BASED ON THE NICARAGUAN-HONDURAS BORDER, WOULD TRY TO CUT THE ARMS PIPELINE AND ALSO WOULD BE USED TO ATTACK NICARAGUAN DAMS, POWER STATIONS AND OTHER ECONOMIC TARGETS. U.S. OFFICIALS REFUSED TO COMMENT ON THE REPORT.

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